

(Rs. in Crores)

	1990-91	1991-92
2. Village Industries Grant	18.00	19.00
3. Science and Technology Grant	1.0	1.00
4. Biogans Grant	7.87	6.27
Total	112.87	113.27

(b) and (c). Government propose to provide the same amount for 1992-93 as was provided during the year 1991-92.

[English]

Coal Production at Singareni Collieries

2521. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any improvement in the coal production at Singareni collieries during April-January 1991-92 as compared to the corresponding period of preceding year;

(b) if so, the details thereof,

(c) whether the coal requirements of Ramagundam Thermal Plant are met from Singareni Collieries; and

(d) if so, the details for the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). According to provisional data furnished by Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) they have produced 16.41 million tonnes of coal from April '91 to January '92 as against 14.24 million tonnes

produced last year during the same period i.e. an increase of 15.2%

(c) and (d) Major part of Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Station's requirement is met by SCCL. Upto February '92 SCCL have supplied 6.036 million tonnes of coal at Ramagundam STPS. In 1990-91, SCCL had supplied 5.035 million tonnes and in 1989-90, 4.991 million tonnes to Ramagundam STPS.

Non-Supply of Raw-material to Burn Standard Co. Ltd.

2522 SHRI HARADHAN ROY. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received some representations from the employees/Union of M/S Burn Standard Co. Ltd. Regarding non-Supply of raw material, spare parts and manning of refractory units of the company,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the action taken by the Government on these representations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b) Two petitions signed by two of the office bearers of the Refractory

& Ceramic Workers' Union of Raniganj Groups of Burn Standard Company Limited (BSCL) 1990, and on August 20, 1990. The petitioners *inter-alia* mentioned, in passing, regarding non-supply of raw material, spare parts and manning of refractory units of the company.

(c) As the Raniganj Group of refractory units with their present installed facilities are in a position to supply only traditional refractories, which are presently not used by modern steel plants, the demand is limited. In view of this, the production against available orders has not suffered due to want of raw materials and manpower is more than adequate for present level of turnover. Since nationalisation of these units, the company has spent Rs. 256.93 lakh towards renewals and replacement of existing plant and machinery.

Modernisation of M/s. Burn Standard Company Limited

2523. SHRI HARADHAN ROY: Will the

PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have drawn up scheme for the modernisation and diversification of M/s. Burn Standard Company with new technology on its nationalisation; and

(b) if so, the modernisation schemes launched in each engineering unit and refractory unit of the company after its nationalisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON). (a) and (b). After the nationalisation of Burn Standard Company, Government have approved a number of schemes modernisation, upgradation of technology and diversification. Unit-wise details of the schemes approved are given in the attached statement.